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### **DEQ responds to gas well blowout**

BATON ROUGE – A gas well blowout occurred Friday, May 8, at a location east of Mansfield, Louisiana. The well, owned by Chesapeake Energy, released natural gas until approximately 1 a.m. Sunday, May 10.

In addition to various local and state entities, the Department of Environmental Quality had emergency responders on the scene from Friday afternoon until the incident was closed. DEQ environmental scientists conducted continuous air monitoring in the area where the local citizens were evacuated. Off-site air-monitoring readings indicated no detectable concentrations impacting that area

State and local officials had called for an evacuation of about 20 families on May 8. Those families were allowed to return to their homes Sunday night.

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